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SUBJECT: CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS: MEETING WITH DE CUELLAR

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1. SUMMARY: ON MAY 12 AMBASSADOR AND DCM MET WITH DE CUELLAR AND GORGE TO BRING UNSGY SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE UP TO DATE ON OUR RECENT COVERSACTIONS WITH GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT OFFICIALS AND TO ENCOURAGE HIM TO SEEK MAXIMUM FREQUENCY AND SUBSTANCE (UTILIZING US/UN INFORMAL "THOUGHTS") IN NICOSIA TALKS. DE CUELLAR REVIEWED HIS PLANS FOR PREPARATION OF TALKS AND AGREED TO CONTINUE TO WEAVE IN THE US/UN SUGGESTIONS FOR AMPLIFICATION/CLARIFICATION OF BOTH SIDES' POSITIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. AMBASSADOR BEGAN WITH REVIEW OF HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH ONHON, DENKTASH AND CHRISTOPHIDES (REFTEL), NOTING BOTH SIDES, FOR THEIR OWN REASONS, ARE TAKING THE LINE THAT THERE CAN BE NO SUBSTANTIAL DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE CYPRUS PROBLEM BEFORE THE TURKISH ELECTIONS ON JUNE 5. DE CUELLAR CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED EXACTLY THE SAME IMPRESSION IN HIS OWN RECENT MEETINGS
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WITH GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT NEGOTIATORS ALTHOUGH PAPADOPOULOS HAD MADE IT CLEAR AS RECENTLY AS MAY 11 THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO MEET AT ANY TIME AND TO ENTER INTO SUBSTANTIAL DISCUSSION. BOTH AGREED THAT PAPADOPOULOS' POSITION IS EFFORT TO SHOW UN, U.S. AND OTHERS THAT GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE IS READY TO NEGOTIATE AND THAT TURK CYPRIOTS ARE REAL CAUSE FOR LACK OF PROGRESS.

3. AMBASSADOR URGED THAT, DESPITE ALL THE NEGATIVE ELEMENTS IN THE SITUATION, DE CUELLAR CONTINUE TO INCLUDE THE US/UN SUBSTANTIVE IDEAS IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH BOTH NEGOTIATORS ON THE AGENDA FOR THE FORTHCOMING TALKS. DE CUELLAR SAID HE WOULD DO SO. HE PLANS TO MEET WITH PAPADOPOULOS AND ONAN EARLY IN THE WEEK OF MAY 16 TO DISCUSS FINAL AGREEMENT ON AN AGENDA. IN ADDITION TO REPLYING ON THE WISH OF BOTH SIDES TO APPEAR VIRTUOUS TO U.S. ADMINISTRATION IN THE CONTEXT OF A CONTINUED ROLE BY CLIFFORD, DE CUELLAR WILL USE THE ARGUMENT THAT WALDHEIM WILL BE ISSUING A FURTHER REPORT ON CYPRUS IN EARLY JUNE; IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO BOTH SIDES IF THE REPORT COULD SAY THAT USEFUL TALKS WERE BEING HELD IN NICOSIA.

4. AMBASSADOR ASKED THAT IN THE COMING TALKS WITH PAPADOPOULOS AND ONAN, DE CUELLAR "NOT ACCEPT A NEGATIVE (ON THE US/UN SUGGESTIONS) WITHOUT COMING BACK TO US." DE CUELLAR AGREED.
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